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**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT
ON HOUSE BILL 5581 AND SENATE BILL 945**

The State Board of Education opposes HB 5581 and SB 945.

As stated in Michigan's State Constitution, "Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith."

Board members believe that quality career- and college-ready standards, rigorous student assessment, and appropriate school accountability must be thoughtfully integrated and coordinated for successful public education.

Removing responsibility from the Michigan Department of Education for any of these elements would weaken the framework schools need to improve student outcomes for all children, and will undermine efforts to help our highest-risk children succeed in school.

This Statement is individually supported by all members of the State Board of Education: John Austin, Michelle Fecteau, Lupe Ramos-Montigny, Kathleen Straus, Casandra Ulbrich, Daniel Varner, Eileen Weiser and Richard Zeile

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